

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A skirting board comprising:

a base profile, the base profile comprising a receiving portion and a deflecting arm; and

a guard profile, the guard profile comprising a protruding portion that interfaces with the receiving portion of the base profile and a curved portion;

wherein the guard profile combines with the base profile to provide at least one open space; and

wherein the deflecting arm and the curved portion combine to provide a surface used to finish a corner produced by a floor and a wall.
2. (original) The skirting board of Claim 1, wherein the receiving portion comprises at least one surface adapted to receive the guard profile.
3. (original) The skirting board of Claim 2, wherein the protruding portion comprises at least one interface portion adapted to interface with one oblique surface.
4. (original) The skirting board of claim 3, wherein the open space is adapted to receive a cable.
5. (original) The skirting board of Claim 3, wherein the base profile further comprises a plurality of openings, for attachment of the base profile to the wall.
6. (currently amended) A skirting board comprising: comprising

an open a base profile profile comprising a first arm and a receiving portion having a first and a second oblique surface, wherein the cross-section of the receiving portion is trapezoidal in shape;

a ledge formed on the base profile; and
a guard profile fastened within the base profile by a pair of interface protrusions,
the guard profile comprising a second arm;
wherein the guard profile at least partially rests on the ledge when the guard
profile is fastened to the base profile; and
wherein the first arm and the second arm cooperate to provide a surface used to
finish a corner produced by a floor and a wall.
~~and fastened in it by means of two webs guard profile;~~

~~wherein the guard profile is provided with a long arm and short arm being bended
and archway connected with it, and an open base profile is trapezial shaped in cross-
sectional view, wherein the profile has narrowing at the outer edge being limited with
two oblique surfaces, and an outwardly deflected arm, whereas the long arm of the guard
profile is placed in one line with the arm of the profile and is its extension, wherein the
long arm is provided on the inner side with two deviated settlement webs, having bulges
on the outer walls, interrelated to the shaped edges of the profile.~~

7. (currently amended) The skirting board of claim 6 ~~Claim 1~~, wherein the first arm
of the base profile is swept out at its outer end formed such that it arches away from the
wall.

8. (currently amended) The skirting board of claim 6 ~~Claim 1~~, wherein the base
profile is provided with a series of ports.

9. ~~A skirting system and more particularly a skirting board system~~ comprising: ~~;~~
~~comprising~~

a plurality of base profiles, each base profile selectively engagable to a wall and comprising a receiving portion;

a plurality of guard profiles, each guard profile comprising a protruding portion that interfaces with the receiving portion of the base profiles;

at least one inward-projecting end cap comprising a first plurality of interface protrusions that engage a base profile to selectively attach the at least one inward-projecting end cap with the base profile, wherein the at least one inward-projecting end cap is shaped to fit completely over a base profile; and

at least one outward-projecting end cap comprising a second plurality of interface protrusions that engage a base profile to selectively attach the at least one outward-projecting end cap with the base profile; wherein the at least one outward-projecting end cap is shaped to fit completely over a base profile.

~~a longitudinal skirting and joint elements, wherein the longitudinal skirting consists of two separately connected longitudinal elements, and the joint elements are provided on the inner side with projections, characterized in that a lower section having an expansion channel and a lower profile arm is one of the longitudinal elements of the skirting, and a guard provided with click webs and an upper guard arm is the second longitudinal element, as well as that the click webs of each joint element in form of an inner corner element and of an outer corner element are clickway connected to the walls of expansion channels of lower sections of the longitudinal skirting, wherein pairs of horizontally located click webs of the inner corner element and pairs of horizontally located click webs of the outer corner element are fixed on the same level, corresponding with the level on which a longitudinal gap of the expansion channel is located.~~

10. (currently amended) The skirting system of Claim 9, further comprising a first arm formed on each of the base profiles and a second arm formed on each of the guard profiles, wherein the first arm arches away from the wall, and the second arm arches toward the wall. ~~characterized in that two horizontal longitudinal click webs located in the lower part of a guard on its inner side, are fixed on different levels, wherein each of these webs is in the terminal part appropriate downwardly and upwardly deflected and has an arched tailpiece.~~

11. (currently amended) The skirting system of Claim 9, wherein the at least one inward-projecting end cap comprises a first wall and a second wall, wherein the first wall is generally perpendicular to the second wall. ~~characterized in that the longitudinal lower profile arm is attached to a lower output edge of the expansion channel.~~

12. (currently amended) The skirting system of claim 9 Claim 11, wherein the at least one outward-projecting end cap comprises a first wall and a second wall, wherein the first wall is generally perpendicular to the second wall. ~~characterized in that the arm is archway-bended and outwardly deflected.~~